

CLAIMS

I claim:

1. A tablet punch comprising a punch cup having a non-stick polymeric coating applied thereto.
2. The tablet punch of claim 1 wherein the non-stick polymeric coating comprises a fluoropolymer.
3. The tablet punch of claim 1 wherein the non-stick polymeric coating comprises polytetrafluoroethylene.
4. The tablet punch of claim 3 wherein the polymeric coating has a thickness between about 0.01 microns and about 10 mm.
5. A tablet punch comprising a punch tip having a non-stick polymeric lathed head affixed thereto.
6. The tablet punch of claim 5 wherein the head comprises a fluoropolymer.
7. The tablet punch of claim 5 wherein the head comprises polytetrafluoroethylene.
8. The tablet punch of claim 5 wherein the head has a thickness between about 0.1 mm and about 5 mm.
9. A method for manufacturing compressed forms comprising the step of compressing an amount of a composition in a tablet press between an opposing pair of tablet punches where the punch cups of said punches have a non-stick polymeric coating .

10. The method of claim 9 wherein the non-stick polymeric coating comprises a fluoropolymer.
11. The method of claim 9 wherein the non-stick polymeric coating comprises polytetrafluoroethylene.
- 5 12. A method for manufacturing compressed forms comprising the step of compressing an amount of a composition in a tablet press between an opposing pair of the non-stick tablet punches of claim 5.
13. The method of claim 12 wherein the non-stick polymeric coating comprises a fluoropolymer.
- 10 14. The method of claim 12 wherein the non-stick polymeric coating comprises polytetrafluoroethylene.
15. The method of claim 9 wherein the composition comprises a pharmaceutical composition.
- 15 16. The method of claim 15 wherein the pharmaceutical composition does not include a lubricating agent.
17. The method of claim 12 wherein the composition comprises a pharmaceutical composition.
18. The method of claim 17 wherein the pharmaceutical composition does not include a lubricating agent.
- 20 19. A compressed tablet which consists of an active ingredient and non-lubricating tablet excipients.